

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATORS ASSOCIATION
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

September 24, 1998

Mr. Mohammed ElBaradei
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Dear Mr. ElBaradei:

In the May 1997 meeting of the International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA), members agreed that the Association should ensure relevant international bodies be informed about INRA activities on a regular basis. The Association further agreed to pursue a range of activities to foster cooperative relations with other international bodies.

To that end, we have discussed relevant areas of common interest between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and INRA. I am pleased our two organizations have reached consensus on key matters of cooperation. It is my pleasure to confirm the arrangement as described in the Annex to this letter. Please confirm the IAEA's concurrence by return letter.

In addition, it is clearly acknowledged that there may be other areas of cooperation. Neither this exchange of letters nor the terms of the Annex precludes any further or future cooperative efforts between the INRA and IAEA.

Sincerely,



Shirley Ann Jackson
Chairman
International Nuclear Regulators Association

ANNEX

The International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA) and the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in the INRA Terms of Reference and the Statute of the IAEA, the two organizations will act in close cooperation with each other in matters of common interests, as follows:

1. REPRESENTATION AT CONSULTANTS GROUPS, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THE SENIOR REGULATORS MEETING

A. Representatives of INRA will be invited to attend, as appropriate, meetings organized by the IAEA Secretariat, including Consultants Groups, Technical Committee meetings, and the Senior Regulators meeting with respect to items on their agenda which INRA and the IAEA Secretariat agree are of mutual interest.

B. Representatives of the IAEA Secretariat will be invited to attend INRA meetings, as appropriate, to make special presentations on items of interest to INRA.

C. Appropriate arrangements may be made for participation in other meetings such as symposiums or conferences convened under the respective auspices of the IAEA or INRA.

2. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

INRA and the IAEA Secretariat shall keep each other informed concerning matters of interest in the field of international nuclear safety and regulation and freely exchange publicly available information.

3. ACTIVITIES OF COOPERATION

INRA and the IAEA Secretariat may enter into other arrangements for the purpose of carrying out joint activities of cooperation which may be found to be desirable and relevant to the objectives of each organization.

4. WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SECRETARIATS

The Secretariat of the INRA and the Secretariat of the IAEA will maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed upon.

5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Unless otherwise agreed, all costs resulting from cooperation pursuant to this Arrangement will be the responsibility of the Party that incurs them.

6. LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND DIRECTIVE OBLIGATIONS

Nothing contained in this Arrangement will require a Party or its members to take any action that would be inconsistent with its laws, regulations, or policy directives.



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24 September 1998

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 24 September 1998 regarding the establishment of co-operation links between the International Nuclear Regulators Association and the International Atomic Energy Agency. I am pleased that an understanding has been reached on arrangements for such co-operation and I now wish to confirm my concurrence with the co-operation arrangements between INRA and the Agency Secretariat as set out in the Annex to your letter and which are also attached hereto.

I share your view that in the future other areas may be identified for co-operation and that the present arrangements will not preclude any future co-operation efforts between INRA and the Agency Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General

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